

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 2, 3, 6-41, 43-46, and 48-51, without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter. Please amend Claims 1, 4, 5, 42, and 47. The following is a complete listing of claims and replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the present application:

Claim 1 (currently amended): An image processing apparatus comprising:  
input means for inputting image data [having a hierarchical structure] which  
complies with a hierarchical data format that hierarchically stores image data of a plurality of  
resolutions;

determination means for determining if the image data is a specific image; and  
output means for, when said determination means determines that the image  
data is the specific image, selecting and outputting a layer to be output of the image data on the  
basis of a determination result of said determination means image data in a lowest resolution  
layer, or for processing the image so that the image data is not faithfully reproduced and  
outputting the processed image data.

Claims 2 and 3 (canceled).

Claim 4 (currently amended): The apparatus according to claim [[3]] 1,  
wherein said output means enlarges the image data in the lowest resolution layer to a size of  
image data in a highest resolution layer, and outputs the enlarged data.

Claim 5 (currently amended): The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said determination means determines the specific image when the image data has a copyright.

Claims 6-41 (canceled).

Claim 42 (currently amended): An image processing method comprising:  
[[the]] an input step, of inputting image data ~~having a hierarchical structure~~  
which complies with a hierarchical data format that hierarchically stores image data of a  
plurality of resolutions;

[[the]] an determination step, of determining if the image data is a specific image; and

[[the]] an output step, in which, when it is determined in said determination  
step that the image data is the specific image, image data in a lowest resolution layer is selected  
and outputted, or the image data is processed so that the image data is not faithfully reproduced  
and the processed image data is outputted of selecting and outputting a layer to be output of the  
image data on the basis of the determination result.

Claim 43-46 (canceled).

Claim 47 (currently amended): A storage medium that stores a program of an image process, said program having at least:

[[a]] code of the for an input step, of inputting image data ~~having a~~

hierarchical structure which complies with a hierarchical data format that hierarchically stores image data of a plurality of resolutions;

[[a]]code of the for a determination step, of determining if the image data is a specific image; and

[[a]] code of the for an output step, in which, when it is determined in said determination step that the image data is the specific image, image data in a lowest resolution layer is selected and outputted, or the image data is processed so that the image data is not faithfully reproduced and the processed image data is outputted of selecting and outputting a layer to be output of the image data on the basis of the determination result.

Claims 48-51 (canceled).